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1. SINCE APPROACH BY POLISH MISSION, REF B, WE HAVE HELD SERIES OF INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS WITH SECRETARTIAT AND POLISH COUNSELLOR LUDWICZAK IN ATTEMPT TO REACH MUTUALLY AGREED FORMULA FOR CIRCULATION OF THE THREE US-POLISH DOCUMENTS STEMMING FOR PRESIDENT FORD/GIEREK OCTOBER MEETINGS.

2. IN LINE WITH US POSITION (SEE PARA 2 STATE 008053, 14 JAN 1974) WE HAVE ATTEMPTED TO FIND A FORMULA ACCEPTABLE TO POLES BUT NOT REQUIRING FULL GA OR SC CIRCULATION. FURTHER THESE THREE QUITE DIFFERENT DOCUMENTS DO NOT ALL REASONABLY FALL UNDER ONE GA ITEM.

3. WE HAVE AS IN THE PAST PRECLUDED THE USE OF THE SOVIET ITEM STRENGTHENING INTERNATIONAL SECURITY (SIS) IN OUR DISCUSSION WITH THE SECRETARIAT AND THE POLES.

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4. SECRETARIAT, NOT WITHOUT OUR LOW-KEY ENCOURAGEMENT, HAS

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TAKEN THE LINE IN THE CASE OF THESE DOCUMENTS THAT THERE IS SIMPLY NO SUITABLE GA ITEM UNDER WHICH TO CIRCULATE THESE THREE DISPARATE DOCUMENTS AND HAS URGED BOTH MISSIONS TO ACCEPT A NOTE VERBALE APPROACH. SECRETARIAT BASICALLY SUPPORTS OUR NEGATIVE POSITION ON THE PROLIFERATION AND CIRCULATION OF BASICALLY BILATERAL DOCUMENTS NOT DIRECTLY CONCERNED WITH UN AFFAIRS AND HAS SUGGESTED TO BOTH USUN AND POLISH MISSION THAT IN THIS CASE (AND HOPEFULLY IN THE FUTURE) DOCUMENTS SUCH AS THESE SHOULD BEST BE CIRCULATED, IF REQUIRED, AS SIMPLE NOTES VERBALES ADDRESSED TO ALL MEMBER STATES. THIS HAS THE APPEAL OF LESS CIRCULATION OF PAPER, A SAVING IN COSTS AND THE TREATMENT OF SUCH DOCUMENTS AS BASICALLY JOINTLY UN CIRCULATED DOCUMENTS FOR INFORMATION OF MEMBER STATES. IT ALSO NEGATES THE PROBLEM OF SELECTING GA (OR SC) AGENDA ITEMS WHICH IN MOST CASES ARE NOT APPROPRIATE FOR BILATERAL MATTERS. WE ALSO AVOID THE PERENNIAL DISCUSSION OF CIRCULATING SUCH DOCUMENTS UNDER SIS OR SOME OTHER SC ITEM.

5. POLISH MISSION IS NOT HAPPY WITH NOTE VERBALE APPROACH AND IS RELUCTANT TO SUGGEST TO MFA THAT, WHILE OTHER EE SUMMIT DOCUMENTS HAVE BEEN CIRCULATED AS GA OR SC DOCUMENTS IN THE PAST, THIS SET OF DOCUMENTS WOULD BE CIRCULATED DIFFERENTLY AND IN THEIR EYES WITH POSSIBLY LESS STATUS.

6. NOT WILLING TO AGREE TO NOTE VERBALE FORMULA, THEY HAVE ASKED USUN QUERY DEPT WHETHER IT NOT POSSIBLE TO CIRCULATE THESE DOCUMENTS JOINTLY UNDER GA ITEMS DEALING WITH REPORT OF ECOSOC AND SIS.

7. WE HAVE PROMISED LUDWICZAK DEPT'S REACTION WITHIN A WEEK, BUT HAVE POINTED OUT THAT DEPT WOULD HAVE GREAT DIFFICULTY IN AGREEING TO REFERENCE TO SIS AND THAT IN OUR OPINION NOTE VERBALE IS BOTH CORRECT AND APPROPRIATE SOLUTION.

8. COMMENT: USUN FAVORS NOTE VERBALE APPROACH THIS CASE AND HOPEFULLY FOR CIRCULATION ALL FUTURE BILATERAL DOCUMENTS; WE ARE VERY RELUCTANT TO USE SIS ITEM; AND BELIEVE THAT WE HAVE GOOD POSSIBLITY SETTING USEFUL PRECEDENT FOR FUTURE IF WE REMAIN FIRM THIS TIME AROUND. SECRETARIAT FAVORS THIS APPROACH AND AGREES WITH OUR VIEW THAT THE POLES WILL EVENTUALLY CAVE
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AND ACCEPT NOTE VERBALE CIRCULATION. PLEASE ADVISE
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